



## PATENT APPLICATION

## N THE CHIEF STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

Ronald J. Loftus

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For: "System and Method For High Capacity/Failure Tolerance

Telecommunications In A Signaling

Network Gateway"

Group Art Unit: 2662

Examiner: Donald L. Mills

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Mail Stop RCE Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicant submits this Amendment and Request for Continued Examination responsive to the Advisory Action having a mailing date of Oct. 18, 2006. The Applicant submits a petition for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for 3 months, thereby extending the date for filing the RCE from Sept. 20, 2006 to Dec. 20, 2006. Accordingly, the Applicant has included a payment of \$1810 for the filing of the RCE (\$790) and for the 3 months extension of time (\$1020). Although the Applicant believes that no other claims fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.